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BENEFITS OF SALAAT WITH JAMAAT

HADITH

Nabi (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wasallam) has said :-

I) 'A Salaat with Jamaat is twenty seven times superior to Salaat performed individually."

AND

2) "Salaat with Jamaat is twenty five times superior to Salaat which is said in a house or in the marketplace."

(Muslim ; Abu Dawood).

Many great scholars of Islaam have given different opinions regarding the difference in numbers in these two hadith. For instance, 25 may refer to the extent of one's sincerity or to how much further the Masjid is from one's home. Hafiz bin Hajar (Rahmatullaah alayhi). has given preference over one particular explanation, that these 2 numbers refer to audible and inaudible Salaah, i.e., a person receives 25 benefits and rewards for inaudible Salaah and 27 benefits For audible Salaah.

THESE BENEFITS ARE CONTAINED IN THE REWARD FOR THE FOLLOWING:

1. Accepting the Muazzin's call to Salaah.
2. Preparing for Salaah immediately after the Azaan and going as early as possible to the Masjid.
3. Setting out for the Masjid with dignity.
4. Reading the prescribed dua upon entering the Masjid.
5. Performing 2 Rakaats Tahiyyatul-Masjid, after entering the Masjid.
6. The amount of time spent waiting for the Jamaat Salaat to begin is rewarded as though one was in Salaat during that time.
7. The angels make dua of mercy and Forgiveness on behalf of all those reading Salaat with Jamaat.
8. The angels will testify on behalf of them on the Day of Judgement.
9. The reward for answering the words of Takbeer.

10. One is saved from the evil of Shaytaan's mischief (whispers). who runs away at the time of Takbeer.
11. One gains the reward of waiting for the Imaam to begin Salaat or for joining him in whichever position he was when one entered.
12. Joining the Salaat at the beginning.
13. Straightening the rows and closing the gaps of the Saffs.
14. Answering the Imaam's call of 'Sami Allaahu liman Hameedah" with "Rabbanaa Lakal Hamd".
15. One avoids making mistakes and corrects the Imam's mistakes with the call of 'Subhan Allaah'.
16. During Salaat with Jamaat, a person's concentration in Allaah increases and he abstains from neglectful thoughts.
17. At the time of Jamaat one is conscious of proper external appearance.
18. One surpasses the Jamaat of the angels.
19. One's postures of Salaah are perfected, and also the recital of the Qur'aan with Tajweed is improved by listening attentively to the Imaam.
20. Signs of lslaam (e.g. Unity) becomes apparent whilst standing in Jamaat.
21. Shaitaan's misguidance is overpowered and disgraced by building zeal and enthusiasm through worship and obedience to Allaah on a united basis.
22. One is saved from the signs of hypocrisy which are found in those who avoid Salaah with Jamaat. This also prevents one from being accused of not reading Salaah at all.
23. Replying to the Imam's dua of 'Assalaamu Alaykum Warahmatullaah' with a duaa.
24. Making Dua and Zikr in congregation.
25. Meeting the people of one's household and from one's community. and enquiring about their needs also begets great rewards.

These 25 benefits of Salaah read with Jamaat are such that nobody has the courage to refuse them and everyone of them is regarded as a separate ibadat with it own merit. These 25 benefits are found in both audible and inaudible Salaah read with Jamaat. The remaining 2 for the audible Salaah are;-

26. Listening silently to the Imam's recitation of the Qur'aan.
27. Saying “Aameen after the Imaam's 'Aameen".

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